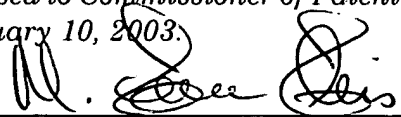




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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of August 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Substitute Specification:

On page 3, lines 33-36, please replace the existing paragraph with the following paragraph:

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Fig. 1 shows an opened vehicle door 1 on which a window pane 2 is mounted. The vehicle door 1 has an exterior handle assembly 3 with exterior handle 31, an insert part 32 as well as a closing cylinder 32'. The closing cylinder 32' is thereby mounted in the insert part 32. The insert part 32 can also include an illumination unit 32c. Both the insert part 32 and exterior handle 31 are able to be mounted from the outside of the door.